

EXHIBIT 15-A

FINDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD REARING FACILITY RAW WATER INTAKE AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADE

- 1) **FINDING:** The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) Board certified the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Mitigation and Monitoring Program for the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility (SHSRF) Raw Water Intake and Water Supply System Upgrade Project (Project) on November 14, 2016.

EVIDENCE: The IS/MND and Mitigation and Monitoring Program and related documents are on file in the District office.

- 2) **FINDING:** The District followed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 to correct the description of the distinct population segment (DPS) of steelhead in the Carmel River on January 25, 2017.

EVIDENCE: The Addendum No. 1 is on file in the District office.

- 3) **FINDING:** The State Coastal Conservancy, as a Responsible Agency, on November 30, 2017 followed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 to determine that an Addendum to modify the approved Project by revising Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-1, which addresses potential impacts to aquatic habitat from the placement of a concrete base and cone screen at the river intake for the SHSRF.

EVIDENCE: The Addendum No. 2 is on file in the District office.

- 4) **FINDING:** The District followed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 to determine that an Addendum to allow earthmoving from the Project site to an adjacent parcel is appropriate as no new mitigation measures would be required from potential impacts and this modification would not result in a measurable increase in environmental impacts over what was previously analyzed in the November 14, 2016, IS/MND. The Addendum No. 3 was reviewed by the District Board of Directors at their July 16, 2018 meeting.

EVIDENCE: The Agenda, Addendum, and supporting documents for the July 16, 2018 Board Meeting are on file in the District office.

- 5) **FINDING:** The Addendum reflects the independent judgement of the District Board and each participating Director has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum and related documents prior to making the decision on the Addendum.

EVIDENCE: Each Director on the Board received a copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration as evidenced by the July 16, 2018 Board meeting packet.

- 6) **FINDING:** The District finds that the proposed modifications to the approved Project would not result in a measurable increase in environmental impacts over what was previously analyzed in the November 14, 2016, IS/MND and subsequent Addenda, and no new mitigation measures would be required.

EVIDENCE: The above stated facts.